

ACROSS THE OCEAN.

There are no fewer than 251 foreign doctors established in Paris, more than a sixth of all the practicing physicians. The princess of Wales has had printed for private distribution some songs which she has composed for the zither. Sir Gilbert King, Bart., who died recently in England, held his baronetcy for 70 years, having succeeded his father at 13.

Charles Lecocq, the composer of "La Fille de Madame Angot" and of "Girofle Girofle," has written a new comic opera called "Cyrano."

A new kind of water-color paper, the sheets of which can be warranted to be free from blemishes, is to be made by a process discovered by Mr. North, associate of the Royal Academy.

Mr. Penrose, late director of the British archaeological school at Athens, has just been elected president of the British Institute of Architects, of which he has been a member for more than 50 years.

There are now nearly 11,000,000 Roman Catholics in Russia, about one in ten of the whole population. In the former kingdom of Poland they form three-quarters of the population. St. Petersburg contains 35,000 and Moscow 15,000 Catholics.

PEOPLE OF EUROPE.

Adeline Patti has earned \$5,000,000 as a vocalist.

Recently a rural minister in Kent, examining a class of small boys, asked: "Who is the patron saint of England?" With one voice they all responded: "Mr. Gladstone!"

Lieut. Feijo, of the Spanish army in Cuba, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life for surrendering Fort Pelayo to the insurgents without a proper defense.

Queen Victoria has such a deep-rooted objection to the smell of a cigarette or a cigar that smoking is strictly forbidden at Windsor castle, at Balmoral and at Osborne.

On his Dorsetshire estate Lord Alington has a "white farm." It is so called because every animal on it is white. There are white horses, white cows, white donkeys, white hares from Siberia, and a white pigmy bull. The dogs and the cats are white, and so are rats and mice.

ANIMAL MECHANICS.

The first wearer of armor was the crab.

The first shovel was the nose of the shovel fish.

The human eye is a perfect camera obscura.

The first adobe houses were built by the swallows.

The first tunnel ever made was excavated by the mole.

The armadillo was the first wearer of plate armor.

The arm and its muscles form the most approved style of lever.

A bird which builds a hanging nest never selects a dead or insecure twig.

The spring trap is constructed on the principle of the jaws of a shark or dolphin.

The water snail has a gelatinous rope which he can lengthen or shorten at pleasure.

The ball and socket joint is seen to perfection in the upper extremity of the thigh bone.

Crab pots and eel pots are exact models, on an enlarged scale, of the cocoon of the emperor moth.

The famous savage clubs of Borneo were modeled after a thorny fruit which grows wild in that island.

The bones of flying birds are hollow and filled with air, by this means combining strength and lightness.

DIALOGUES OF THE DAY.

"Her father won over \$2,000 from the baron last month at cards." "And then the baron asked him for her hand?"

"Yes, he wanted to get his money back." "Life."

Proprietor—"Where is the bookkeeper?" "Office Boy—"He isn't in. His wife sent him word that the baby was asleep, and he's gone home to see what it looks like." "Louisville Truth."

Mr. Dunn—"I've called to see about a little bill I left here about a month ago." Mr. Short—"Oh! It's all right; you needn't be alarmed. I've laid it away where it won't be disturbed. No need for you to call again." "Boston Transcript."

Violinist (proudly)—"The instrument I shall use at your house to-morrow evening, Mein Herr, is over 200 years old." Parvenue—"Oh! never mind that. It is good enough. No one will know the difference." "Harper's Bazar."

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Pink and blue gingham of a washable make can be kept from fading by washing in a weak solution of vinegar and water. Rinse in the same way and dry in the shade.

To prevent new paint brushes from shedding bristles turn handles down, open and spread the bristles, pour in a tablespoon or less of good varnish, and keep the brush in the same position until it dries.

A mother who is an authority on food advises mothers to give their children potatoes only twice a week, and then only those that are baked. Give them boiled rice the other five days, and some delicate green vegetable every day.

SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE.

Representatives of South American Republics met at the Time Conference for a Political Union of the New World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Among Secretary Olney's callers yesterday were Minister Andrade, of Venezuela; Minister Mendonça, of Brazil; and Minister Romero, of Mexico, representing three of the first republics of South and Central America. Although none of the Central and South American diplomats will consent to be quoted regarding their call, it is known that they, as a rule, have called their governments to the present seems an opportune time for inviting the Monroe doctrine as a means of support against European pressure, several of them being involved in disputes with European nations at this time. The statement is made by one of them that several important results will follow the vigorous construction of the Monroe doctrine. First, it is said, will be the official admission of the South American republics, making the declaration practically unanimous from the countries of the western hemisphere. It is pointed out that Lord Salisbury insisted that the Monroe doctrine was not recognized as international law, but this, it is said, will be answered by a showing that all the republics of North and South America accept it as the law governing them.

The project of another conference of American republics in line with the Pan-American conference, but with a view to political alliance rather than commercial reciprocity, is being discussed also. The suggestion is made with much directness in diplomatic circles that the course of the United States assumes to let the moral and physical support of all the Southern and Central American republics. In the aggregate this allied strength of the western republics, with the United States at its head, would constitute a new and formidable factor in international affairs. It is, however, gratifying to hear that the United States is not suggested among diplomatic circles that such an alliance will take the form of a treaty, but it is urged that the feeling of union existing constitutes a compact quite as effective as a formal understanding.

MORE ENGLISH OPINION.

London Papers Believe the Situation More Serious Than at First Supposed.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—In commenting upon the Venezuelan question, the newspapers generally agree that the situation is more serious than they thought it to be yesterday. In the public mind, also, there is a general feeling of disappointment at the action of congress in supporting the stand taken by President Cleveland in his message to that body.

The stock exchange here and the exchanges throughout the country continue under the strain of the anxiety which has arisen between Great Britain and the United States. At the same time there is no excitement. The Wall Street money article says: "Of course, whatever happens, America will lose credit over the affair. It is particularly inopportune when many of her railways need money."

The afternoon papers all contain long editorial articles on the Venezuelan question, the general tenor of their utterances being the same as yesterday, though all agree that the matter is becoming much graver.

The Globe, a high conservative organ and a newspaper which may be supposed to be on terms of intimacy with the government, gives warning that Great Britain will remain firm, saying: "President Cleveland may appoint a dozen commissions, but England will remain firm in her refusal to recognize them and jurisdiction of this sort. This is our unalterable position. We will never submit to such unparalleled dictation."

REPORTED FAVORABLY.

Senator Peffer's Bill to Compel Officials to Expend Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Peffer reported favorably from committee to examine several branches of the civil service the bill which the senator had introduced on the first day of the session, prohibiting officers of the government from refusing to pay money appropriated by congress. The bill heads the calendar and it is the impression that it will go through. It is intended to cover non-payment of sugar bounty and also to apply to the action of Secretary Morton in refusing to expend money appropriated for seed distribution. The bill as reported provides that in all cases where congress authorizes and directs the payment of money for any purpose specified, and makes an appropriation, each department of the government and every officer shall be bound thereby.

Hayward's Confession.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 20.—The anti-mormon statement of Harry T. Hayward, the full text of which makes 30,000 words, is in many respects a most remarkable document. It was made under the most formal conditions, and with solemn assertions on the murderer's part that he was telling the truth. The full text gives for the first time the name of one of the victims and other important details. Not only does he claim to have murdered during his brief career no less than five different people, but in describing the various tragedies in which he figured he showed an utter absence of human feeling, and a pleasure in his achievements that marks him as an unusual type of criminal.

North Carolina Mine Explosion.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 20.—Yesterday morning a terrible explosion occurred in the Egypt coal mines at Cumrick, N. C. The place is in Chatham county, out of the general line of travel and correct information is hard to get. Some 40 persons were in that part of the mine where the explosion occurred. Eight or ten are reported as having been killed outright, although the names of the dead are not given. The explosion was heard distinctly at Monroeville, 14 miles distant. Physicians were summoned from the neighboring towns.

Countess Arrested.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—William J. Burns, of Washington, and John E. Murphy, of St. Louis, have succeeded in arresting two men, who it is alleged, have been making counterfeit money by wholesale. The men are George W. Dyes, alias Dice, a live stock commission man of this city, and William Graham, a young farmer living near Paola, Kan. Dyes was arrested in Kansas City Wednesday afternoon, and at day-break yesterday morning Graham was taken into custody at his home. Four of their supposed confederates were previously in jail.

Morgan's War Horse Dead.

VERMILION, Ky., Dec. 20.—The famous old war horse, Morgan, died yesterday. He was ridden to this city by the Kentucky raider, Gen. John H. Morgan, on his raid in 1862, and was known to be 37 years old.

AMERICANS IN TURKEY.

Secretary Olney Answers a Senate Resolution of Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The president yesterday replied to the senate resolution of December 4, calling for information respecting affairs in Turkey. The response is in the shape of a report by Secretary Olney, summarizing but not including the official correspondence, and beginning with the massacre at Moosh in August, 1894. In substance, the secretary's report recounts all that has been done to protect American citizens against the rioters; shows that while their property has suffered in two instances, they have not been injured in person; quotes Minister Terrell as estimating the number of Armenians killed at 30,000, and after citing several cases wherein naturalized Americans have been oppressively treated, states that proper steps have been taken to secure indemnity in all cases and to protect naturalized citizens in their rights.

Secretary Olney says that the number of United States citizens in Turkey is not accurately known, but there are 172 American missionaries scattered over Asia Minor and numbers of citizens in business, besides naturalized Armenians temporarily residing in Turkey, and that probably the whole number of the United States citizens in Turkey is 500 and 600. The bulk of this American element is found in the interior of Asia Minor and Syria, in quarters remote from our consulates, isolated and inaccessible, except by difficult mountain journeys. Says Secretary Olney: "Under these circumstances and in the midst of the alarming agitation which for more than a year past has existed in Asia Minor, it has been no slight task for the representative of the United States to follow the interests of those whose defense necessarily falls to his care, to demand and obtain the measures indispensable to their safety, and to act instantly upon every appeal for help in view of real or apprehended peril. It is, however, gratifying to hear testimony to the energy and promptness of the minister in dealing with every grievance brought to his notice and his foresight in anticipating complaints and securing timely protection in advance of actual need. The efforts of the minister have had the moral support of the presence of naval vessels of the United States on the Syrian and Adams coast from time to time as occasion required and at the present time the San Francisco and Marblehead are about to be joined by the Minneapolis which has lately been ordered to the eastern waters of the Mediterranean, the squadron being under command of Rear Admiral Selfridge, an officer whose record indicates the energy and courage which will with whatever emergencies may arise."

The Secretary says that while the physical safety of the citizens appears up to the present to have been secured, their property has been destroyed on at least two occasions. The meager reports from the Harpoot riots of November last show that American mission property was destroyed to the estimated value of \$100,000 and the reports have been notified that it will be held responsible for full satisfaction. The value of the property destroyed at Marash, November 19, by the burning of the American missionary school of science has not been ascertained, but after investigation indemnity will also be demanded in that case.

Apart from these general incidents, Secretary Olney reports upon several cases of individual citizens who suffered in life and person in Turkey, beginning with Lenz, the bicyclist, whose murder was unearthed "with the efficient aid of the British consul at Erzeroum." At last accounts five or six Kurds and Armenians were to be put to trial for the murder.

Wiman a Free Man.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The court of appeals yesterday handed down a decision in the case of Erastus Wiman, charged by the commercial agency of R. C. Dun & Co. with forgery. The court sustains the opinion of the general term of the supreme court, reversing the judgment of the conviction and sentence of 5½ years, and Mr. Wiman is therefore a free man.

A Valuable Concession.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—The government has granted a concession to George A. Eckstetter, of Chicago, and Emil B. Barry, of Boston, to build a railway along the Pacific coast from Tehuantepec to the Guatemala frontier. The concessionaires get about \$5,000,000 subsidy.

A Shut-Down Ordered.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 20.—The Western Flint Bottle association met here yesterday with 90 per cent of the members of the association present. It was decided to shut down for two weeks during January, and an advance of five per cent was ordered, to go into effect on the first of the year.

From Congress to Governorship.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Representative George D. McKeljohn, of Nebraska, announced yesterday that he will not be a candidate for re-election to congress, but will be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Nebraska.

Teachers in Indian Schools Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The following appointments in the Indian service have been made: Thomas H. Faris, Tyro, Kan., teacher at Pine Ridge school; S. D. C. A. Taylor, Great Bend, Kan., teacher at Standing Rock; N. D.; Charles A. Dean, Oklahoma City, Ok., teacher at Warm Springs, Cre.

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JUDGMENTS.

Frenzy is the safety-valve of folly.

The fire of hate usually flashes in the pan.

A sunbeam in the heart is bound to light the face.

Texas did a deal of brewing for the amount of punch.

Unfortunately, the bore never leaves a hole in the memory.

A man may keep his mouth open so wide he cannot see an argument.

The awkward man is never in a hurry. He always wants a day of grace.

The League of Argos, formed B. C. 421, was a combination of Argos, Corinth, Elen, Mantinea and Chalcidice against Athens. It was designed to curb the power of the Athenians, but its purpose was frustrated shortly after by the unexpected incident of Athens joining the league and becoming one of its members.

Three wild buffaloes are said to have been discovered by Indians in the country between the Judith river and Arnel's creek in Montana.

"She talked so fast that I could not get a word in edgewise." "You should have resorted to sharper language." Indianapolis Journal.

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